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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

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1. AFTER RELEASE AT 1220 HOURS 21 SEPT, CONSUL HAD TWO PERSONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND TWO TELEPHONE OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK TO GARRETT-SCHESCHES BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM SANTIAGO AT 1720 HOURS 22 SEPT. IN FIRST THREE OPPORTUNITIES, SUBJECTS LIMITED SELVES TO THANKS FOR HAVING SECURED RELEASE AND TO CONCERN ABOUT OTHER DETAINEES AND THEIR OWN DEPARTURE. DURING FOUR HOURS CONSUL WITH THEM ON 22 SEPT ENROUTE TO AND AT AIRPORT, ADAM MADE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE BASIS HIS INTERVIEWS IN U.S., AND UPON WHICH CONSUL MADE WRITTEN NOTES: A. HE DID NOT WANT TO ENDANGER "FEW FRAGILE OPENINGS" WHICH HAD BEEN MADE TO SECURE LIBERTY OF DETAINEES; B. HE DID NOT WANT TO ENDANGER OWN RESEARCH MATERIALS, MUCH OF WHICH STILL IN HANDS OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND WHICH USED AS BASIS OF THEIR INTERROGATION; C. PRESS AND OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON IN CHILE OUGHT TO GO, INDIVIDUALLY OR IN SMALL GROUPS, INTO THE "POBLACIONES" (LOWER INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS); D. HE WOULD EXPRESS HIS THANKS FOR EMBASSY'S EFFORTS IN OBTAINING THEIR FREEDOM, BUT FELT THAT MORE PRESSURE, POLITICAL AND OTHER, WOULD BE NECESSARY TO BE APPLIED TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE OF AN ANTI-FOREIGNER SENTIMENT CURRENT IN CHILE. BOTH ADAM AND PATRICIA ALSO DISCUSSED ISSUES OF EXECUTIONS, BOTH WITH CONSUL AND, IN HIS PRESENCE, WITH PERSONS MET CASUALLY AT AIRPORT. THEY CLAIMED TO KNOW OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXECUTIONS, AS REPORTED IN US PRESS, BUT WHEN PRESSED FOR DETAILS, GAVE FOLLOWING STORY: PATRICIA WAS IN A POSITION, DURING PARTS OF SEVERAL DAYS, TO SEE PRISONERS LED OUT OF AREA OF CONFINEMENT TO ANOTHER, UNSPECIFIED AREA OF NATIONAL

STADIUM. SHE COUNTED THOSE WHO LEFT, SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF SHOTS, AND LATER COUNTED RETURNING PRISONERS. FROM THIS, COUPLE DEDUCED THAT "MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PRISONERS HAD BEEN EXECUTED." COUPLE SCOFFED AT CONSUL'S SUGGESTION THAT PRISONERS MAY HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ONE PART OF STADIUM TO ANOTHER. FYI: EMB KNOWS SUCH TRANSFERS TO BE COMMON.

2. AT AIRPORT, HALF HOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE, UNIDENTIFIED CHILEAN MEDIA REPORTER APPROACHED ADAM AND ASKED FOR INTERVIEW. LATTER GRANTED IT AND IT WAS FILMED AND TAPED. ALTHOUGH CONSUL DID NOT HEAR ALL OF INTERVIEW, IT GENERALLY FOLLOWED LINES OF A. THRU D. ABOVE, WITH ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS THAT "THINGS ARE WORSE IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM THAN MOST PEOPLE THINK."

3. FOLLOWING INFO RECEIVED FROM AMCITS JOHN CERRETTI AND CONFIRMED BY AMCIT HENRY WARLOW, BOTH OF WHOM WERE HELD OVERNIGHT SEPT 20-21 IN SAME CELL AS GARRETT-SCHESCHES: THEY WERE PICKED UP IN PROCESS OF RENEWING EXPIRED VISAS, TAKEN TO POLICE STATION, SEARCHED AND TAKEN TO NATIONAL STADIUM. THEY WERE NOT MISTREATED AND DID NOT SEE ANYONE MISTREATED. THEY TALKED TO OTHER FOREIGNERS HELD AT NATIONAL STADIUM AND NO ONE, OTHER THAN GARRETT-SCHESCHES, MENTIONED MISTREATMENT. THEY SAID THEY WERE KEPT IN A SEPARATE SECTION WITH OTHER FOREIGNERS, WHERE ENVIRONMENT WAS "NOT UNBEARABLE NOR REALLY BAD EITHER". THEY SAW NO SHOOTINGS OR BEATINGS. ALTHOUGH OFFERED FOOD, THEY DID NOT EAT WHILE DETAINED BECAUSE HAD JUST EATEN BIG MEAL BEFORE ARREST AND WERE NOT HUNTRY (ALSO WERE WORRIED ABOUT GETTING DYSENTERY.) NEITHER WAS IN ANY HURRY TO LEAVE CHILE ALTHOUGH NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING DETAINED AGAIN.
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